

Chart showing the major contributing factors in the progression of Colonary Heart

Disease (CHD) and how the activity of cocoa procyanidins contributes to the

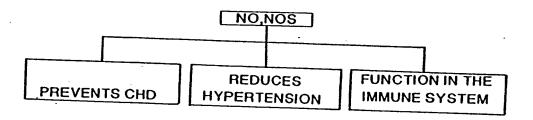
prevention of the progression of the disease state

FIG.2a

The cocoa procvanidins induce the activity of NOS and therefor

resulting production NO, thereby enhancing the health benefits

mediated by the activity of nitric oxide (NO).



"inhibits platelet aggregation, monocyte adhesion, chemotaxis and vascular smooth muscle proliferation thereby causing vascular relaxation and preventing the disease progression of CHD.

By lowering blood pressure via the following mechanism:

vascular endothelial cells release eNOS

- of NO
- →NO relaxes vascular smooth muscles, increasing vascular lumen diameter
- -> induces hypotension.

HYPERTENSION RESPONSIBLE FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES:

including:

FIG.2b

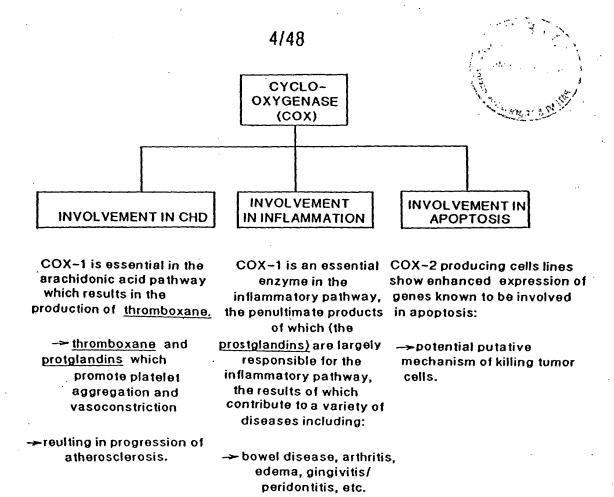
Stroke heart attack heart failure kidney failure ° Macropages have a different NOS(iNOS)

*INOS gene transcription is controlled by cytokines

° iNOS activity results in →result in production macrophage NO production at sufficient concentrations to inhibit ribonnclease reductase

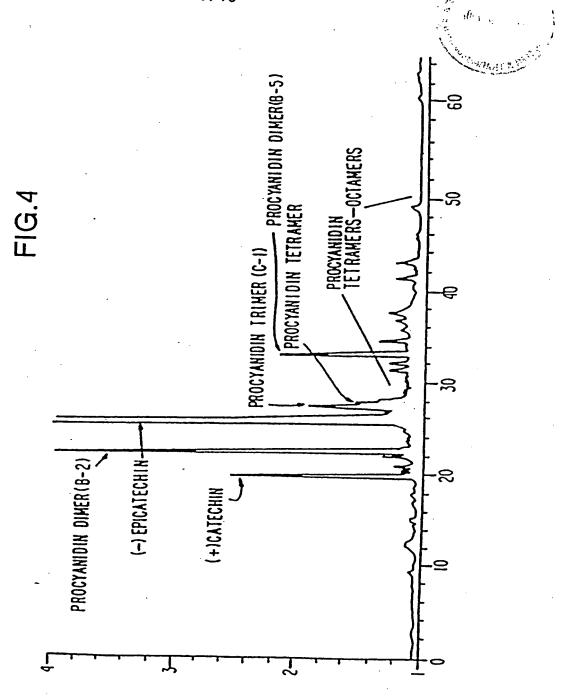
> -- causes inhibition of DNA synthesis

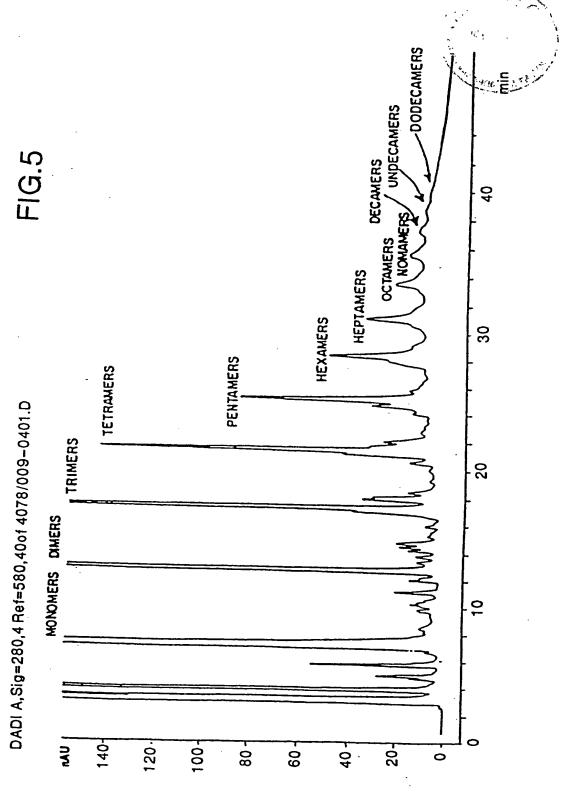
→ lowers blood pressure → potential mechanism of action in anti-tumor and anti-microbial function.



The cocoa procyanidins inhibit the production of cyclo-oxygenase, thereby

blocking the arachidonic acid pathway, which is responsible for the inflammatory
response and the vasoconstrictive and platelet aggregating responses which
contribute to the disease progression of CHD.





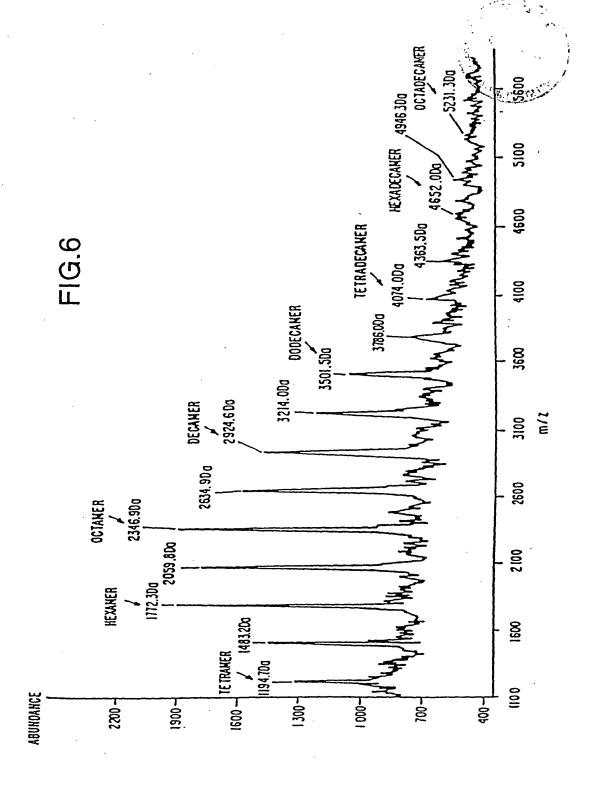


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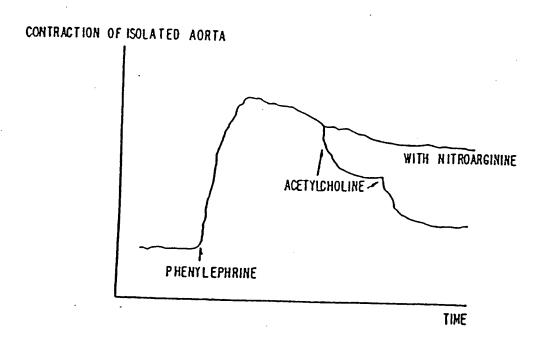


FIG.8A

EFFECT OF COCOA PROCYANIDIN FRACTION A ON BLOOD PRESSURE

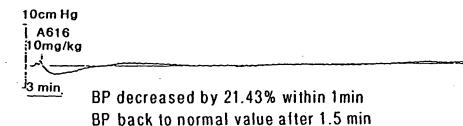
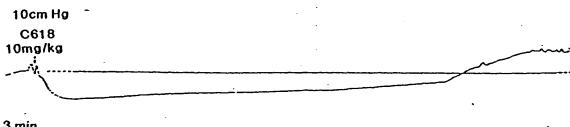


FIG.8B EFFECT OF COCOA PROCYANIDIN FRACTION C ON BLOOD PRESSURE



3 min

BP decreased by 50.5% within 1 min BP back to normal value after 5 min

EFFECT OF COCOA PROCYANIDIN FRACTIONS ON ARTERIAL BLOOD PRESSURE IN ANESTHISIZED GUINEA PIGS

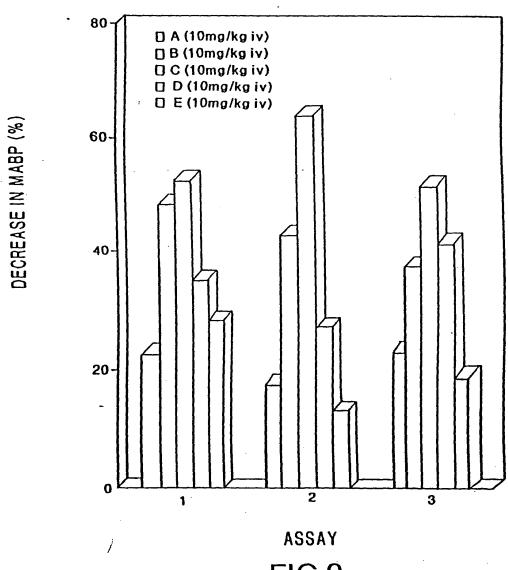


FIG.9

EFFECT OF L-NMMA ON THE ALTERATIONS OF ARTERIAL BLOOD PRESSURE IN ANESTHISIZED GUINEA PIGS INDUCED BY COCOA PROCYANIDIN FRACTION C

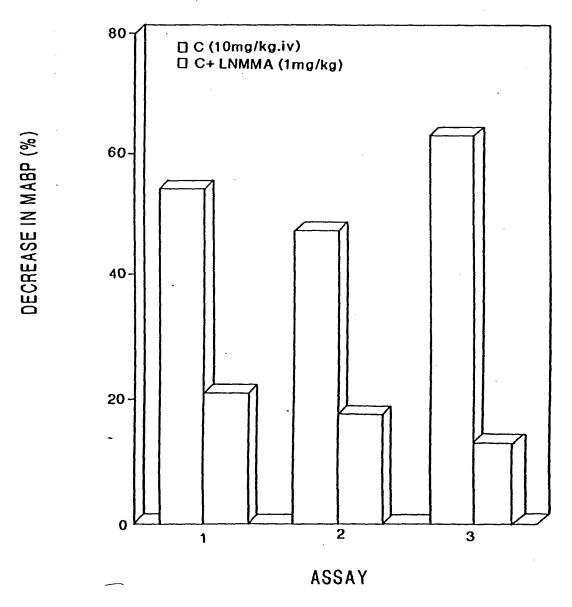


FIG.10

EFFECT OF BRADYKININ ON NO PRODUCTION BY HUVEC

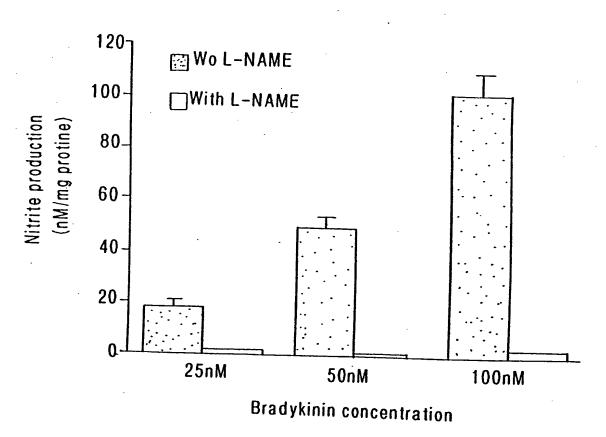


FIG.11

EFFECT OF COCOA PROCYANIDIN FRACTIONS ON NO PRODUCTION BY HUVEC

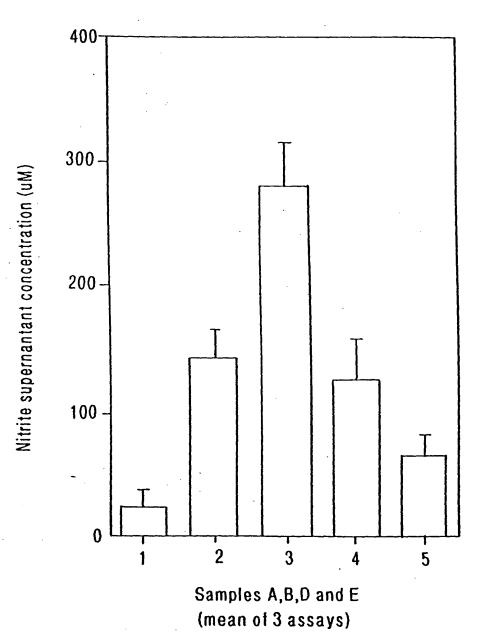
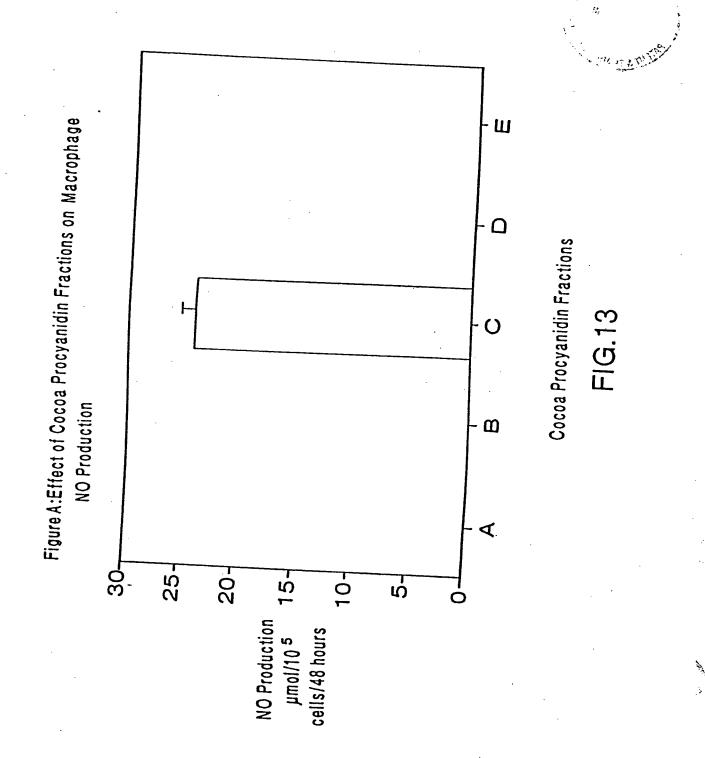


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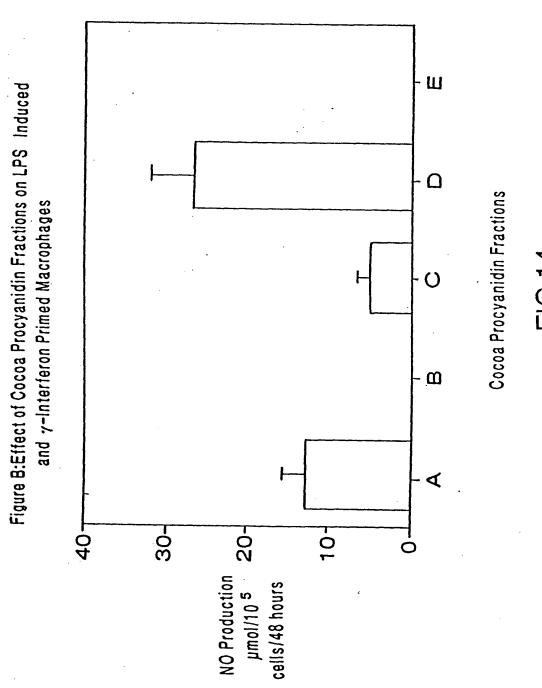
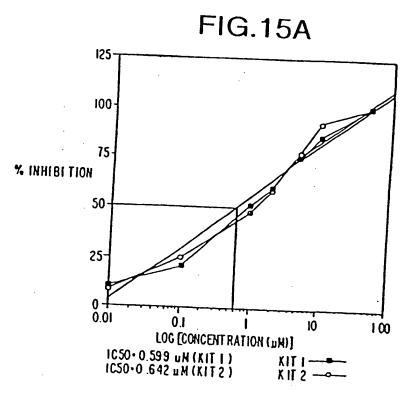
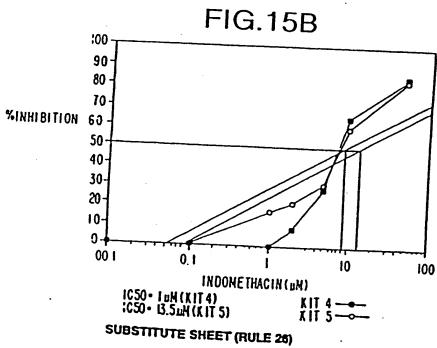
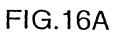
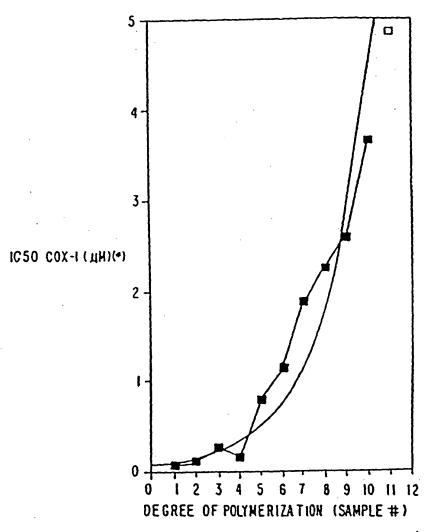


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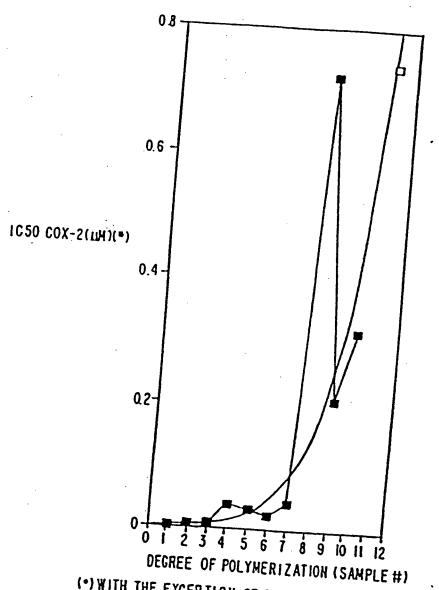






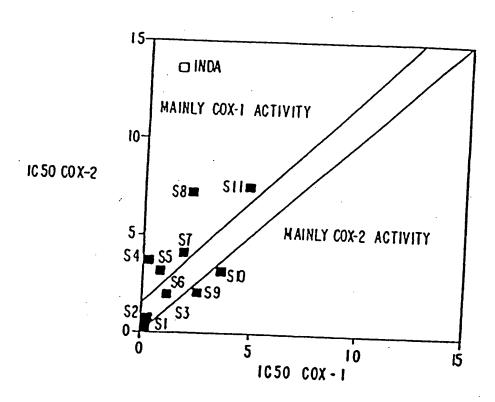
(-) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SAMPLE SII EXPRESSED AS mg/ml

FIG.16B



(*) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SAMPLE SIT EXPRESSED AS mg/ml

FIG.17



(*) WITH THE EXEPTION OF SAMPLE SII

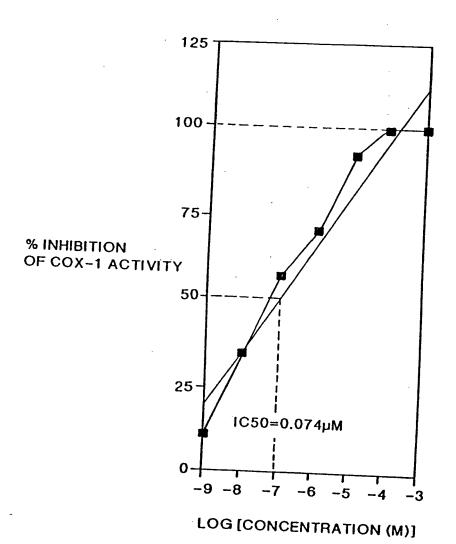


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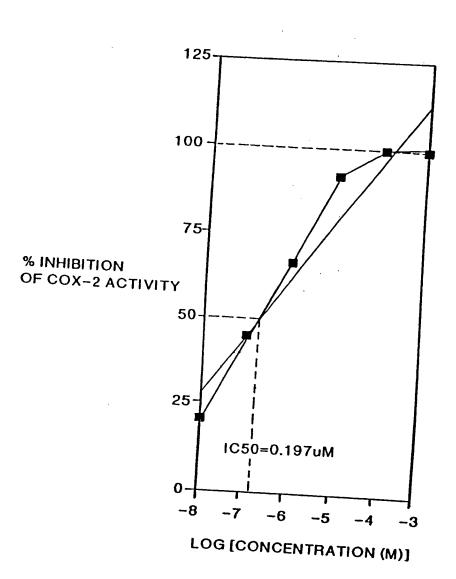


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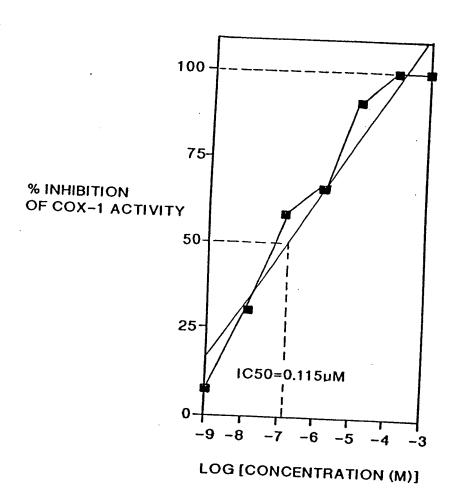


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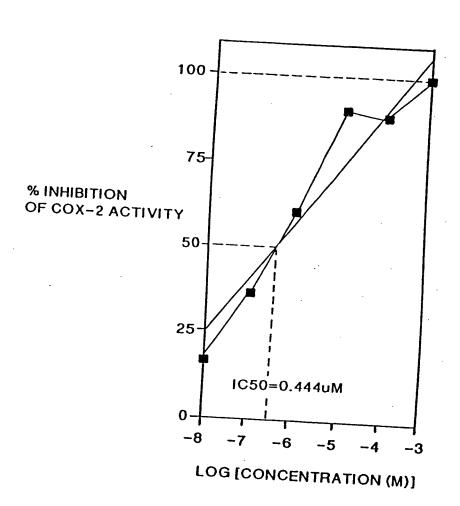


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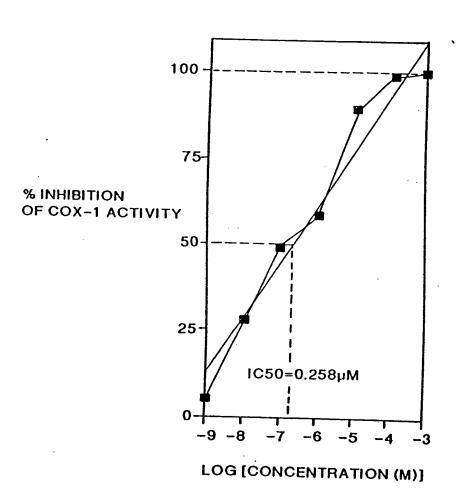


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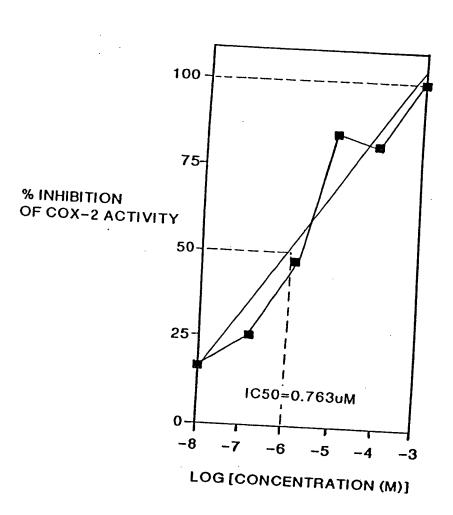


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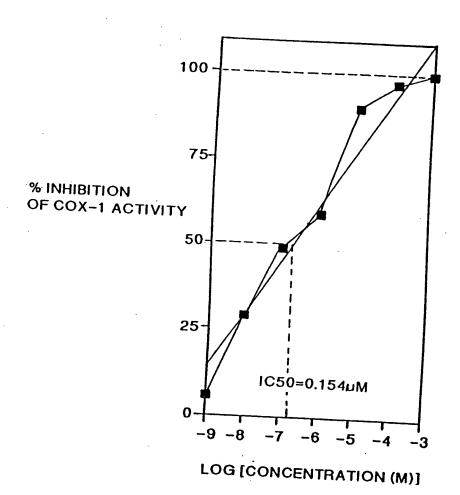


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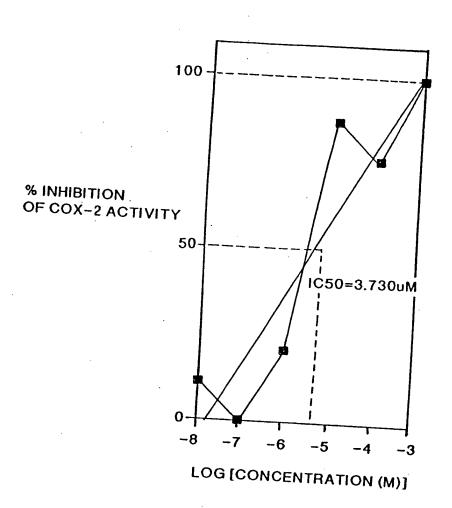


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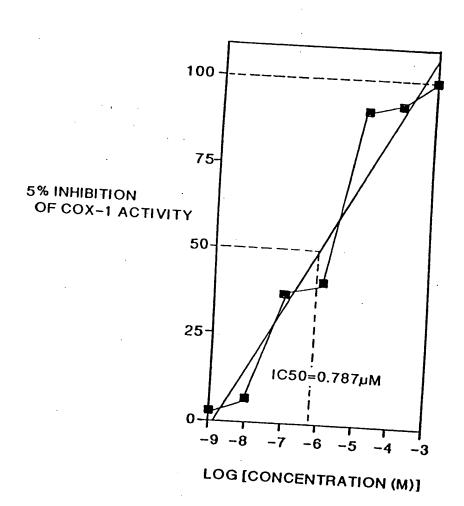


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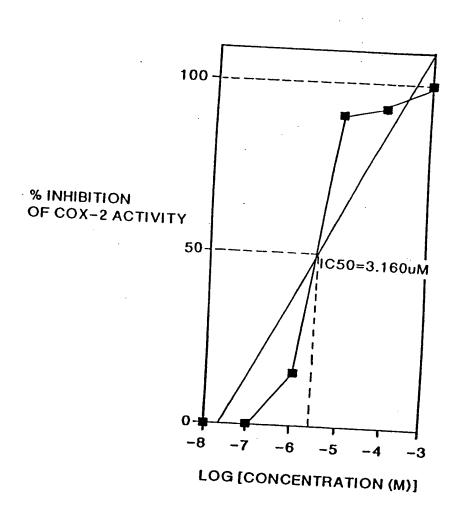


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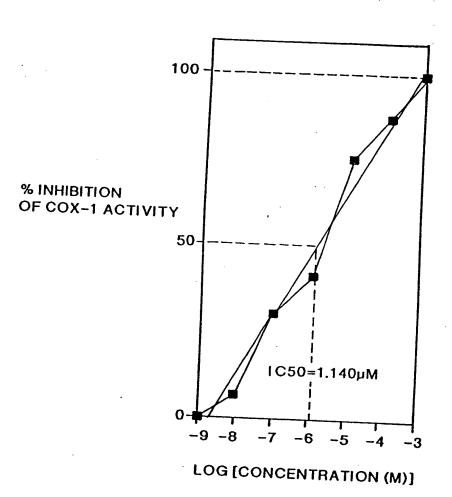


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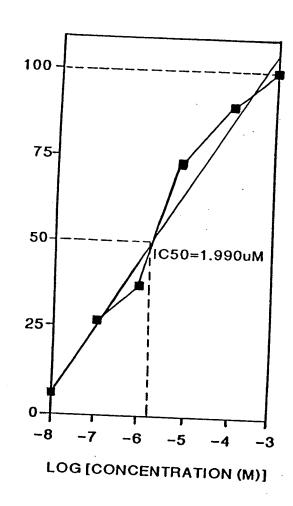


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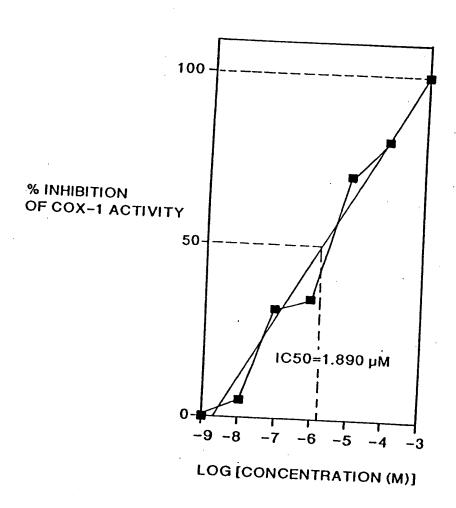


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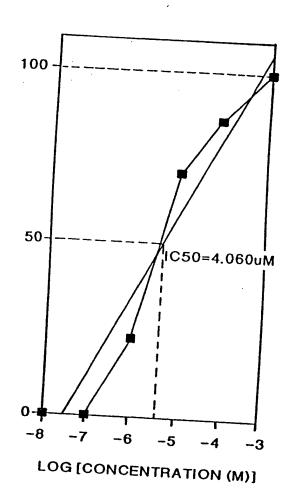


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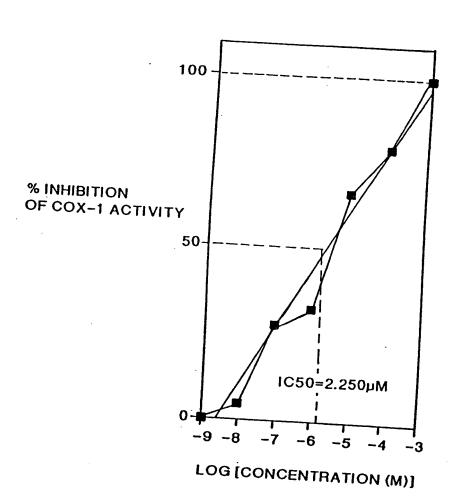


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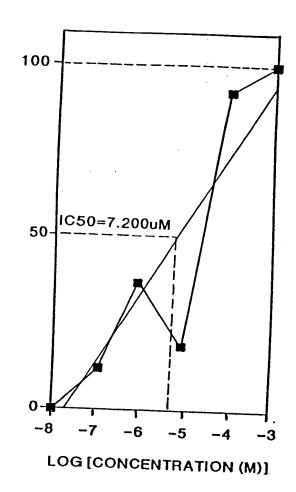


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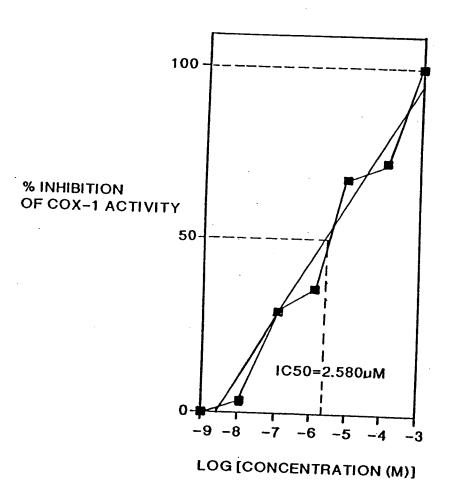


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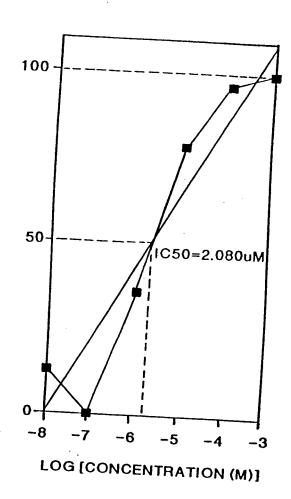


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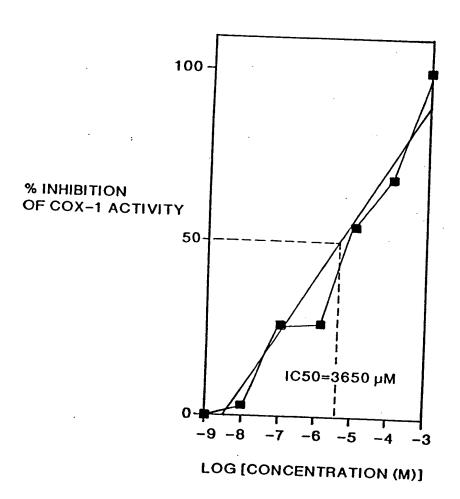


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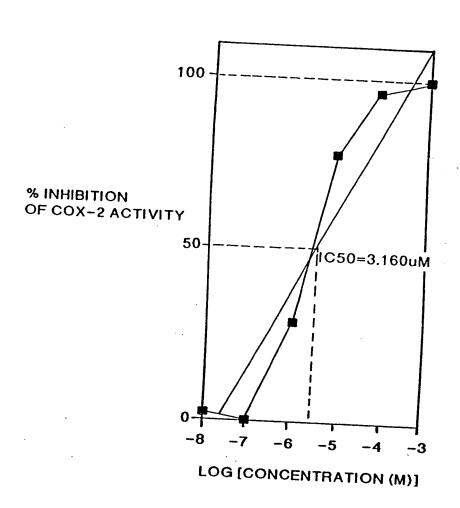


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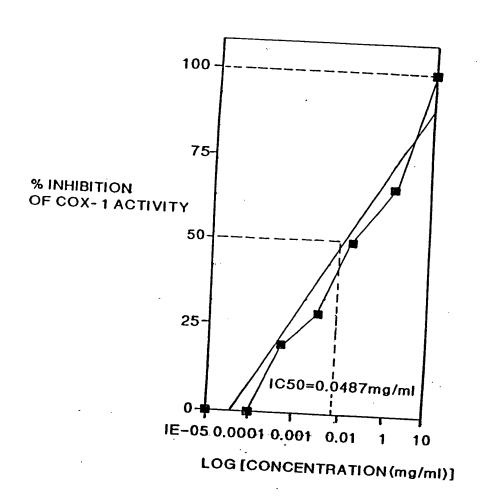


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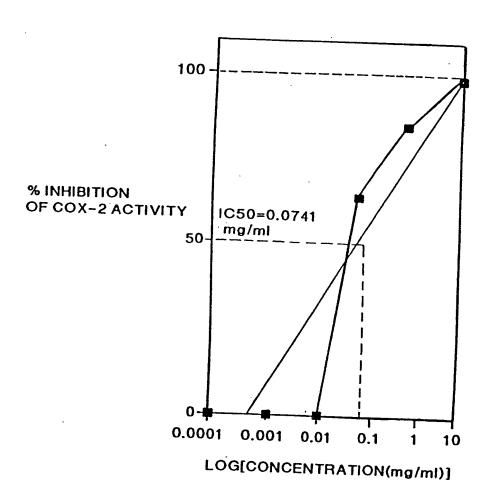
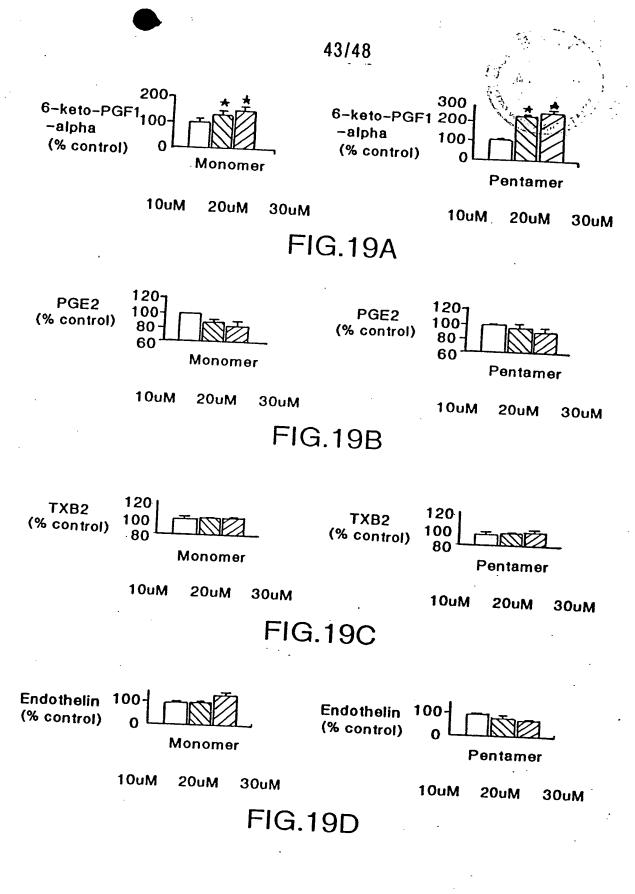
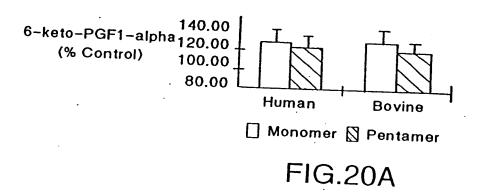
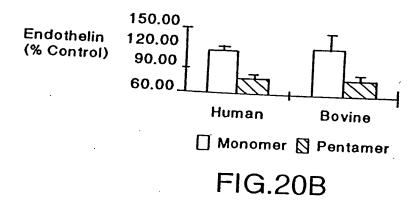
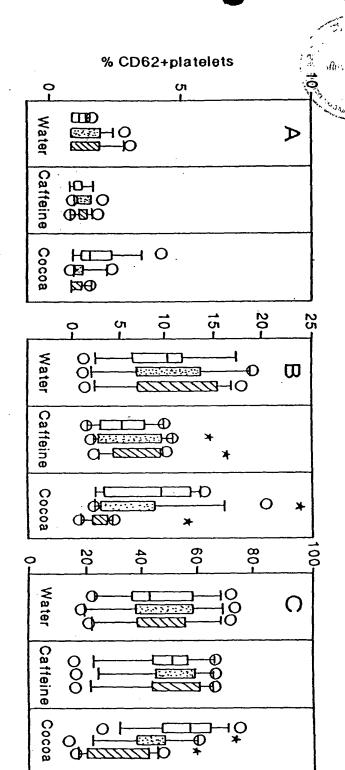


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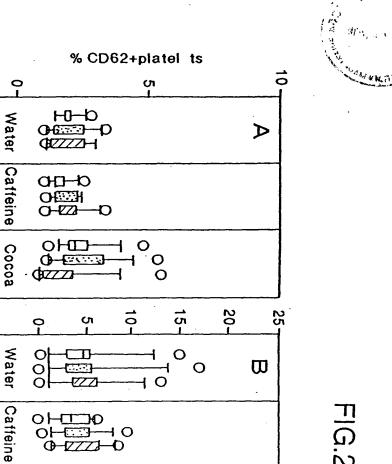






without simulation with weak agonisys. Platelet activation marker expression is presented as Tukey box plots at times zero (white boxes), 2 hours (light grey boxes), and 6 hours (dark grey boxes) post consumption of water, or (C) with ADP (20uM). Activated GP11b-111a is expressed on the surface of activated platelets. Each box shows the repeated measure ANOVA on ranks, Student-Newman-Keuls multiple comparison method, n=10 in each expressing activated gp11b-111a (PAC1= platelets) without stimulation (B) after stimulation with epinephrine (20uM) percentile. Asterisks indicate P 0.05 betweenzero time and 6 hour hour time points of each respective data set a caffeine-containing control beverage (caffeine) or a cocoa beverage (cocoa). (A) percentage of platelets 25-75th percentile, the horizontal bar in the box shows the median. The lines outside the box show the 10th and 90th Effect of cocoa beverage consumption on platelet surface expression of activated GP11b-111a with and





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Caffeine

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